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SUBJ: DEATH OF USC - JOSEPH BOBAK

REF: MADRID 08924 (NOTAL); LISBON 5332 (NOTAL)

1. ON JULY 10, 1978 JOSEPH BOBAK A UNITED STATES CITIZEN AND RESIDENT OF LAS PALMAS, SPAIN DIED IN FUNCHAL, MADEIRA, PORTUGAL WHILE ON VACATION. IN HIS PASSPORT HE LISTED AS NEXT OF KIN MRS. ROSALES MARTIN PEREZ WHO WE NOW UNDERSTAND WAS MR. BOBAK'S COMMON LAW WIFE. DURING THE TIME BETWEEN MR. BOBAK'S DEATH AND BURIAL WE WERE ALSO IN CONTACT WITH MS. ILONA BOBAK (A DAUGHTER OF MR. BOBAK) FOR INSTRUCTION AND FUNDS FOR THE BURIAL OF MR. BOBAK.

2. BOTH MRS. PEREZ, WHO WAS WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FUNDS, AND MS. BOBAK AGREED SEPERATELY THAT MR. BOBAK SHOULD BE BURIED IN PORTUGAL WHERE HE DIED.

3. MRS. BOBAK HAS NOW CONTACTED US THROUGH HER LAWYER MR. LEONARD F. AMARI OF LUPEL AND AMARI, 230 WEST MONROE STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606 TEL. 312 346 8550, CONFIRMING THAT SHE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE BURIAL EXPENSES OF HER FATHER AND REQUESTING THAT THE PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON MR. BOBAK AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH BE FORWARDED TO HER. WE REPLIED TO MR. AMARI THAT WE HAVE NOT YET  
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RECEIVED THE EFFECTS OF MR. BOBAK FROM FUNCHAL. NO COMMENT WAS MADE REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF SUCH EFFECTS UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO DETERMINE IF MR. BOBAK LEFT A WILL.

4. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST AMEMBASSY MADRID INSTRUCTED THE CONAGENT IN LAS PALMAS TO INQUIRE IF A WILL EXISTED.

ACCORDING TO CONAGENT, MRS. PEREZ, IN THE PRESENCE OF CONAGENT, OPENED A LETTER WRITTEN BY MR. BOBAK WHICH STATED THAT ALL OF HIS BELONGINGS WERE TO GO TO MRS. PEREZ AND THEIR TWO MINOR CHILDREN UPON HIS DEATH. LETTER WAS NOT A LEGALLY EXECUTED DOCUMENT.

5. CONOFF WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT CONTACTING MS. BOBAK'S LAWYER AND INFORMALLY ADVISING HIM OF THE BACKGROUND IN THIS CASE. PERHAPS THE FAMILY IN THE UNITED STATES IS NOT INTERESTED IN WHAT LITTLE PROPERTY MR. BOBAK HAS IN SPAIN AND IS ONLY INTERESTED IN PERSONAL MOMENTOES THAT BELONG TO MR. BOBAK. IF NOT, WHAT LEGAL EFFECT DOES MR. BOBAK'S LETTER HAVE IN DETERMINING DISPOSITION OF HIS ESTATE AND TO WHOM DOES EMBASSY LISBON SEND MR. BOBAK'S EFFECTS. DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE AND GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED IN THIS MATTER.  
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